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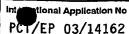
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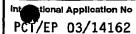
(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to nucleic acids containing a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide as a target for herbicidal compounds, to said polypeptides or biologically active derivatives thereof, and to a mehotd for developing herbicidal compounds using test systems containing said polypeptides.

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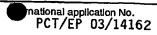




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1.	Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:				
2. X	Claims Nos.: 8 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international Search can be carried out, specifically:  See FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210				
3.	Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).				
Box II	Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)				
	rnational Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:				
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1. 🔲	As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.				
2	As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.				
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Claims Nos.: 8

Present claim 8 relates to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely that it has been obtained by using the method according to claim 7. The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for no such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved (herbicidal). Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, no search has been carried out for claim 8.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

### FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-7 all partially

The Physcomitrella patens FtsZ polypeptide of SEQ ID No. 3, the nucleic acids encoding it (SEQ ID No. 1), vectors comprising said nucleic acid, transgenic plants and host organisms comprising said nucleic acid or vector, method for developing herbicidal compounds using test systems using said polypeptide.

2. claims: 1-7 all partially

The Physcomitrella patens FtsZ polypeptide of SEQ ID No. 4, or a truncated variant thereof (SEQ ID No. 5), the nucleic acids encoding them (SEQ ID No. 2), vectors comprising said nucleic acid, transgenic plants and host organisms comprising said nucleic acid or vector, method for developing herbicidal compounds using test systems using said polypeptide.